

Water Transportation Advisory Board  
June 9, 2011 Meeting Minutes

The meeting of the Water Transportation Advisory Board was called to order at 2:01 pm on June 9, 2011, in the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Conference Center in Frankfort, KY. The board members in attendance were: Greg Pritchett, Ken Canter, Steve Alley, Jay Hunt and Norb Whitlock. Also in attendance were: Jeremy Edgeworth, Lynn Soporowski, Chuck Knowles, Tim Brock, Holly Spade, Russell Casey, Sarah Davasher, Joe Crabtree, Keith Damron, Greg Curlin, and Stan Lampe. The meeting was conducted by Greg Pritchett, Water Transportation Advisory Board Chair.

The Chair then opened up the floor for a public comment period. Holly Spade with the Economic Development Cabinet addressed some questions from the last meeting regarding the Riverport Marketing Assistance trust Fund identified in KRS 154.80-140. Russell Casey with the Economic Development Cabinet then gave an update on the ongoing study with the Corp of Engineers Louisville District.

The Chair then passed out the minutes of the April 7, 2011 meeting for review. Norb Whitlock moved that the April 7, 2011, minutes are accepted as presented. Second by Ken Canter. 5 Yea, 0 Nay, 0 abstaining.

The Chair then turned the floor over to Ken Canter to give a report from the Bylaws subcommittee. He distributed a draft of the bylaws that was created by the Paducah Riverport Attorney. There was a discussion of possible amendments including e-voting and an attendance policy for board members. It was decided that any possible amendments could be addressed in the future. Jeremy Edgeworth indicated that KYTC Legal Office had reviewed the draft bylaws and had no issues. Ken Canter moved that the draft bylaws be accepted as presented. Second by Steve Alley. 5 Yea, 0 Nay, 0 abstaining.

The Chair then asked Jeremy Edgeworth to give a brief presentation on the recently announced Kentucky Shortline Railroad Assistance awards. The governor announced ten awards of \$3,138,726.00. (The handout is available on the Advisory Board website).

The Chair then addressed the topic of the Midwest Regional Panama Canal Conference on May 12, 2011. He asked those that attended to give a synopsis. It was reported that approximately 150 people attended and that there is a great deal of regional interest in the Panama Canal Expansion because of Kentucky's location on the Inland Waterways System. There was a discussion on the effect of the Panama Canal Expansion on world trade especially as it related to containers and the need for 50 foot drafts that many blue water ports will struggle to attain. There was also discussion of the upcoming TIGER III \$500 million discretionary grant program which will have an early July funding notification and December awards.

The Chair then asked Lynn Soporowski to facilitate discussion of actions to enable the Commonwealth to make the best use of its waterways and Riverports for future economic growth and ideas for the report to the Transportation Cabinet, Cabinet for Economic Development, Governor's Office, and General Assembly on the activities of the board. Attendees gave suggestions that were recorded on flipcharts. (The suggestions have since been sent out to the attendees in the form of an online survey to rank and prioritize).

The Chair then brought up the date of the next meeting of the Water Transportation Advisory Board. Greg Pritchett moved that the next meeting be held July 29, 2011 at 2:00pm EST in Frankfort, KY. Second by Ken Canter. 5 Yea, 0 Nay, 0 abstaining.

The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 3:51pm.

Submitted:

Jeremy Edgeworth

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